

# **HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN**

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#### **SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

Sister's in Christ will resume next Wednesday, January 14 at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center in the Saint Thérèse Room with topic Saint and word of the year. Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> the next book will be available for pickup.

#### **LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:**

Thank you to Ben & Gail Niebrugge for donating a homemade shutter snowman and a box of candy for both drawings this past weekend. Kelly and Sherry Geier won the drawing on Saturday and Chris Warfel won on Sunday. Total collected was \$300 and \$150 of that was donated to Children's Liturgy of the Word. February drawing will be held the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Half of the proceeds will go to MC4C. If you are interested in donating a future cake and/or craft item, please contact a Ladies Altar Sodality Member or the Parish Office.

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#### **PHOTO DIRECTORY:**

Please submit photos if you were unable to make a date by sending to parish email [holycrosswendelin@outlook.com](mailto:holycrosswendelin@outlook.com), dropping a photo by parish office, or texting to Ashley!

#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**



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#### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

##### **The Baptism of the Lord**

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.



##### **Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin**

**5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448**

**Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)**

**Parish E-mail: [holycrosswendelin@outlook.com](mailto:holycrosswendelin@outlook.com)**

**Parish Phone Number: (618)-752-5671**

**Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 10am-3pm, and Friday 10am-1pm.**

**Mass Schedule: Thursdays 6:30pm with Adoration at 5:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am**

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**Trustees: Carl Will & Kasey Iffert; Pastoral**

**Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry**

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*The Baptism of the Lord  
+ Eucharistic Celebrations +*

Mon. Jan. 12 6:30 PM at Stringtown

Tue. Jan. 13 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville

**Wed. Jan. 14 8:05 am Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher**

**1:30 PM at Carle 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Thu. Jan. 15 6:30 pm at Wendelin

**Fri. Jan. 16 8:00 am For the Parish**

**Sat. Jan. 17**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM** *Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn  
Tony & Alice Schneider  
John & Tony Tredway*

**Sun. Jan. 18**  
**8:00 am** *Carl & Una Kocher  
Bodenberg & Mahota Families  
Linda Gumble*  
8:00 am at Stringtown  
10:00 am at Wendelin  
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

#### **OUR JANUARY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Dale & Mary Jane Tibbs

Massalettes: Mike & Lori Uhl

#### **OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$5,503 (71) Outreach: \$189

Guatemala: \$241 (11) First Offering: \$220 (29)

Solemnity of Mary: \$436 (18)

**Let Us Pray For:** Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Jim Gassmann, Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, Kenneth Ochs, Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

**Thank you** to Mike Uhl and Ryan Fehrenbacher for their time and talent for updating the wiring for consistent streaming.

#### **~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~**

##### **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher, Carl & Una Kocher, and Kenneth Buckels.**

##### **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **John Bower, Gary Stoltz, and Deacon Jack Shuster.**

- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Treat your family to **donuts and coffee** after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney in the MPR. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!

##### **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Finance council meets at noon in the conference room.

##### **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 am, The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be trained for **Eucharist Ministers of Holy Communion** in the church. If any parishioners would like to be trained or to come for a refresher course, please feel welcome to attend as well.
- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 6:30 PM, OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: The Communion of Saints: The Mother of God, Saints, & Angels.

##### **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher.**
- 1:30 PM, mass at Carle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

##### **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 PM, Young Adult Gathering. Topic and location TBD.

**The family of Frank Ginder** would like to express their thanks to Fr. Steven, Fr. Levi, Valerie Rodriguez, Masen Hatten and Grant McClain for the lovely funeral Mass. Also, many thanks to the funeral dinner committee for the meal after the service, and to the Parish for all of the prayers and visits during Frank's illness.  
-The family of Frank Ginder

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#### **PARISH NEWS ~**

- **Please turn in any remaining 2026 Benefit Calendars by Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>!** The price is \$25. The total payout is \$8,450. This first drawing for 2026 will be January 28<sup>th</sup>. Calendars are for sale at the school office, the parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg at 618-302-0391.

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- **Meals for Moms** would like to welcome *Isla Mae Zuber*, born on Dec 15, 2025 at 5:03pm (eastern). Daughter of Lexie (Erwin) and Tyler Zuber. If you would like to sign up to provide a meal and dessert to this family, or other families who welcome little ones, please contact Laura Matthews at 618-924-5901 or [lmatthews@stjoeolney.com](mailto:lmatthews@stjoeolney.com).

- **The Parish and Family Life Committee** has left over "Christmas Nail" ornaments. If you did not get one for your family, please feel free to pick one up at the back of church.

- **Sisters in Christ** will resume on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the conference room at Olney.

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*Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

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**Sister Parish Trip to Guatemala**

A group reservation has been made for 30 seats for the **sister parish trip to Guatemala** for June 2026. If still interested contact Shelly Sands at Missions International (618) 654-9254. Deadline to commit is February 1, 2026.

**Annual Wine Tasting!**

Please join us for an evening of fun and relaxation on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Newton Knights of Columbus for their Annual Wine Tasting event. Doors open at 5:30 pm and tickets are \$15. There will be door prizes and a live auction. Great tastes, great company, and a great time await!!

# St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, January 11, 2026  
*The Baptism of the Lord*



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**~ Welcome ~**

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

**Join us for mass:**

Wednesday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to [stjosephchurcholney.com](http://stjosephchurcholney.com)

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

**Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm**

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Call 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any time of need.

~ St. Joseph School ~

Josy Hart ..... Principal

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**School Advisory Council:** Angel Padilla (Chairperson), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Tyler Ochs, Doug Kocher (St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative), Holly Nettleton (Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative).

**Collection Total for January 4, 2026**

Envelopes: \$941.00	(27)
Loose: \$61.00	
<b>Total: \$1,002.00</b>	

**Building Fund: \$60.00 (2)****Solemnity of Mary: \$395.00 (12)****First Offering: \$100.00 (17)****Religious Education: \$105.00 (5)**Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

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**January Bulletins: For the Parish****January Missalettes: In Memory of Norman Kocher**

\*\*Contact Ashley to schedule for 2026!

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The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGNUPS:**

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**BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU:**

Thank you to all who were able to come out and supported the Stringtown Community Blood Drive on Sunday, January 4th. It was a very successful blood drive. There were 50 prospective donors signed in with 50 productive units of blood being collected. We appreciate everyone's help in supporting the Stringtown Community Blood Drive. Congratulations to Mike Zwilling and Lora Kocher winners of Sunday's gift cards. Thank you to everyone who made this a successful drive, including all the donors, volunteers, those who donated food items, and the American Red Cross staff! The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 6:30am-12 noon. Mark your calendar and go ahead and pre-scheduled your January 2nd appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment.

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC&fbclid=IwY2xjawPOavxleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFwNURqcjZjYkU2S1dRY0pVc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHv7z5h4gUh40pAoHdpevOpjTwRwms6nqeklovP2Rg0wskVK-KjO5ZfywazM\\_aem\\_LuPwf6OkOPeqBJEN2MDU-A](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC&fbclid=IwY2xjawPOavxleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFwNURqcjZjYkU2S1dRY0pVc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHv7z5h4gUh40pAoHdpevOpjTwRwms6nqeklovP2Rg0wskVK-KjO5ZfywazM_aem_LuPwf6OkOPeqBJEN2MDU-A)

**2026 CALENDARS:**

Special thanks to **Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes** for once again so generously providing the 2026 calendars, which are now available in the

vestibule. We appreciate your support and generosity!

**MINISTER'S LIST JANUARY-MARCH:**

Now available! Thanks to those that serve these ministries! If you are interested in serving a ministry and do not already, please contact Ashley. We can provide training, if necessary. Thank you!

**DONUT SUNDAY TODAY:**

Donut Sunday will be held TODAY Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> following Mass. Come join us for fellowship and a yummy treat!

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It's the giving season! A **qualified charitable distribution** (QCD) allows people over age 70½ to donate to charities - like our parish and school - directly from a taxable IRA instead of taking their required minimum distributions. The tax savings can be very significant. For additional information, please contact your financial representative or tax preparer.

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**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Linda McWhirter, Jim & Norma

#### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

##### **The Baptism of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Louis & Leila Volk†", "Elmer & Elfreida Zwilling†"**

**Monday, January 12, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"**

**Tuesday, January 13, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, January 14, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney; 1:30pm at CRMH 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Thursday, January 15, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Friday, January 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Saturday, January 17, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, January 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber†, Paul Zuber†"**  
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

#### **01/11/2026**

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CYM

##### **Lector:**

CYM

##### **EMHC:**

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Joselyn Kocher  
Owen Kocher

##### **Gifts:**

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##### **Ushers:**

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##### **Greeters:**

CYM

##### **Children's Liturgy:**

Madison & Natalie

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Levi Weidner  
Brady Ochs

##### **Lector:**

Wayne Kocher

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Mary Ochs  
John Ochs

##### **Gifts:**

David Muhs  
Family

##### **Ushers:**

Jack & Jared Weidner

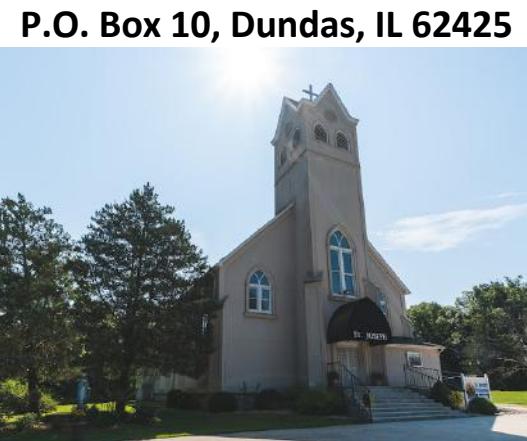
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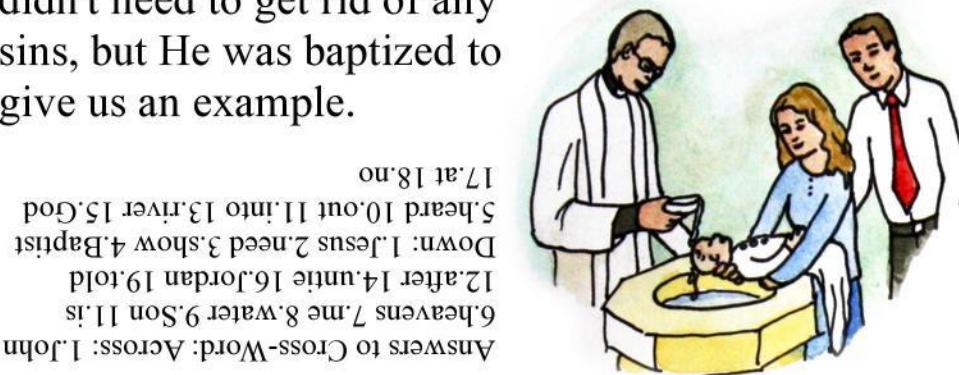
# A Bit About... Baptism



A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

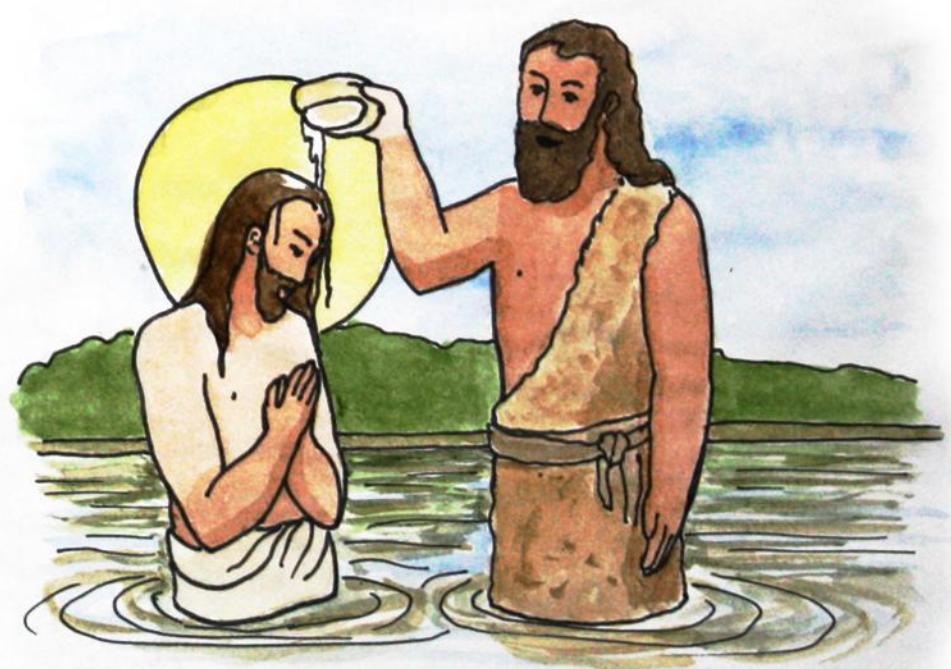
Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 1.John 6.heavens 7.me 8.water 9.Son 11.is 12.after 14.unite 16.Jordan 19.told 5.heard 10.out 11.into 13.river 15.God Down: 1.Jesus 2.need 3.show 4.Baptist 17.at 18.no

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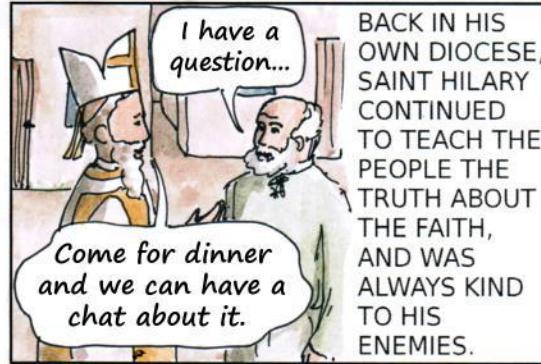
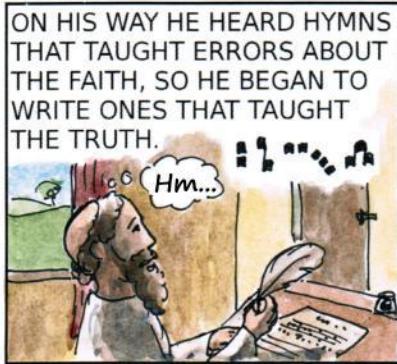
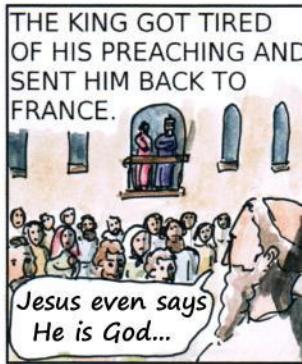
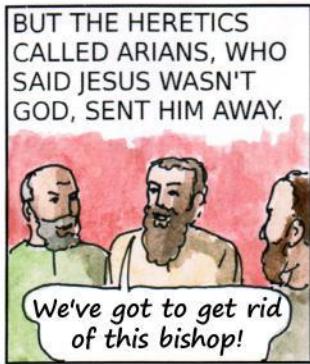
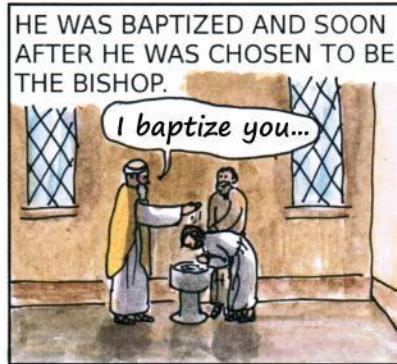
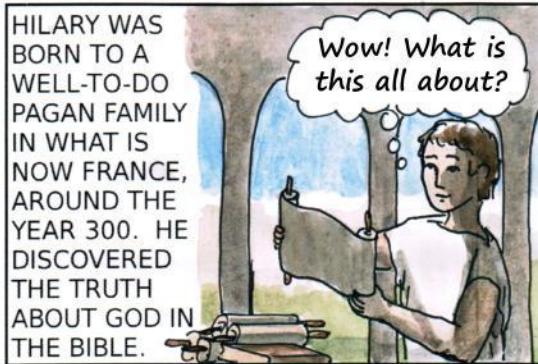
Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord  
Sunday January 11th, 2026



What did Saint John the Baptist see  
that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God?  
Connect the dots to find out!

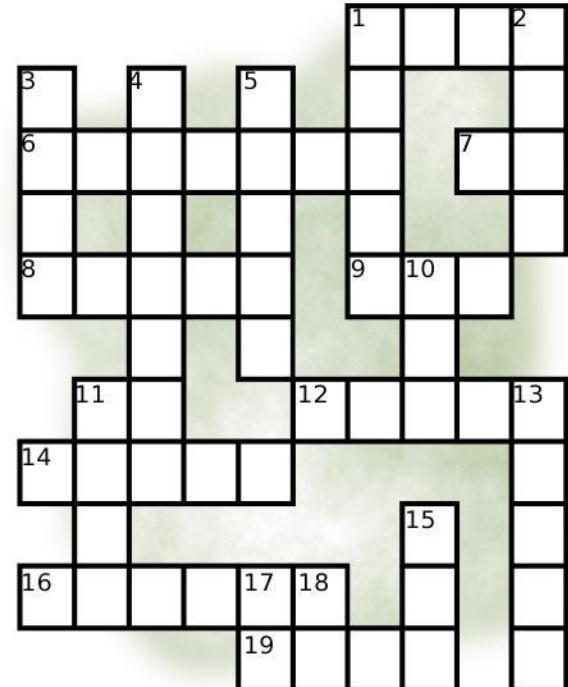
# Saint Hilary of Poitiers

## January 13



SAINT HILARY DIED AROUND THE YEAR 368. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT IT IS GOOD TO STUDY THE FAITH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD IN HARD TIMES. WE CAN ALSO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE BY SPEAKING THE TRUTH EVEN WHEN PEOPLE BOTHER OR PERSECUTE US BECAUSE OF IT.

## Jesus' Baptism Cross-Word Puzzle



See if you can find all these words relating to Jesus' baptism and fit them into the puzzle:

### Across:

- What was the name of the man who baptized Jesus?
- The \_\_\_\_\_ opened and the Holy Spirit came down.
- John said to Jesus, "You should baptize \_\_\_\_!"
- John baptized with \_\_\_\_\_.
- "This is my beloved \_\_\_\_\_ with whom I am well pleased."
- "This \_\_\_\_\_ my beloved Son..."
- Jesus was baptized He came out of the river.
- Once John had said about Jesus, "I am not worthy to \_\_\_\_\_ His sandal!"
- What was the name of the river where Jesus was baptized?
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ John that it was fitting for Him to be baptized.

### Down:

- Who had never done a sin but was baptized anyway?
- John said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ to be baptized by you!"
- Jesus did this to \_\_\_\_\_ us how important baptism is.
- The John in this story is called John the \_\_\_\_\_.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ a voice from Heaven.
- John came \_\_\_\_\_ of the desert to preach and baptize.
- When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit comes \_\_\_\_\_ our soul.
- Jesus was baptized in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Heavens opened and the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ appeared.
- Jesus came from Galilee to John \_\_\_\_\_ the Jordan.
- Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ sins even before He was baptized.

